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Memorandum

DATE: April 30, 2004

TO: Chief Judges
cc: Court Administrators, County Clerks

FROM: John D. Ferry, Jr.

RE: 87 PA 2004; MCL 600.5856 - Change in Tolling Statutes of Limitations

On April 22, 2004, 87 PA 2004 was signed into immediate effect by Governor Granholm. The act amends MCL 600.5856 by eliminating the tolling provision of the statute of limitations when a summons and complaint are, in good faith, placed into the hands of an officer for immediate service. It would appear that courts will no longer need to provide a process for an expedited issuance of a summons, as was previously directed after the ruling in *Gladych v New Family Homes, Inc.*, 468 Mich 594. This law is prospective and is only applicable to civil actions filed on or after April 22, 2004.